

I assure you, Sir, that these two cases serve but as an illustration of the mortification that the Treasurer and myself have to experience almost every day. When Messrs Tyler and Maxwell, the Coiner and the Melter and Refiner, arrived here from Philadelphia, they were introduced to me, by letter by Dr. Patterson the Director, as officers to whom I might refer for information on all occasions and in whom I might place the greatest confidence. This induced me, up to a very recent time, to suppose that the delays in Coining were unavoidable. I am now convinced of the contrary and perceive that I have been deceived and that my confidence was misplaced. I have called on Mr. Bridgman and communicated to him frankly the state of affairs in this Branch Mint and that I had applied for the removal of these officers. He heartily approved of what I have done and is as well as myself convinced that unless a decided change takes place, public sentiment will soon be arrayed against this Branch Mint and I fear prove fatal to this institution.

Very Respectfully, Your Humble
Servant.

David Bradford
Supt.

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans

May 18th 1839.

Hon. Levi Woodbury, Secy of the Treasury of the U. S.

Sir, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the following correspondence that has just passed between Messrs Ganahl & Co Merchants in this City, Mr. Broulton the Collector, and the Treasurer of this Branch Mint.
(Copy)

Edmund Forstall Esq
Treasurer Branch Mint
New Orleans 14 May 1839

Dear Sir

We had this morning presented to us your Certificate in our favor dated 24 January last N^o 31 for Gold Bullion to the amount of \$6,513.33
4 " Silver " " " " 47.26
\$6560.59

May we ask, why these Certificates, which you promised to cash in a few weeks, from the time of the deposit was made have been refused ever since, tho' repeated applications have been made for the funds.

Very Respectfully
Fr. Ganahl & Co

U. S. B. Mint Treasurers Office
New Orleans 16th May 1839.

Messrs Ganahl & Co

Gentlemen, I have received yours of the 14th inst. and very much regret that the Comr has not put it in my power to redeem the promise that I was induced by his representations to make of early payment.

Respectfully
(signed) Edmund Forstall
Tr. Br. Mint.

Edmund Forstall Esq.

Sir, Some six ~~months~~ or eight months since I deposited
in the Commercial Bank several Certificates of deposits of bullion
and was this morning much surprised to be called on as endorser
for the amount with a notice that the Bank had called several
times and could not get the amount. I informed the President
of the Bank that I could not pay the amount when the
Certificate was [not] protested. This he said he would
have done instantly, but at my request has agreed to
postpone entering a protest until tomorrow. I wish, Sir,
for the Credit of the Government you will not let these
Certificates be protested, but will immediately provide
Coin and take them up.

Collectors Office
New Orleans May 17th 1839.

Respectfully Yrs

(sig.) Jas W Bredlove, Coll.

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office May 17th 1839.

Jas Bredlove Esq.

Sir

In reply to your favor of this day's
date, I have only to express my deep regret that the Coin has
not furnished me with the means of paying our Certificates.
Complaints on this subject are increasing every day and Mr
Bradford informs me that he will immediately write to
the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject.

Respectfully

Ed. Forstall
U. S. B. Mint.

(sig.)